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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADORS FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF: JIDDA 2878

1. FOR AMBASSADOR PORTER: WE ARE MOST HEARTENED BY YOUR INITIAL REPORT (PARA 1 REFTL) OF PRINCE FAHD'S REACTION TO YOUR APPROACH EARLIER TODAY, AND WE COMMEND YOU FOR WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION. WE REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT MAKE A SUMMER, AND WE WILL AWAIT FURTHER, MORE DEFINITE WORD FROM YOU RE SAUDI DECISION.

2. FOR AMBASSADOR PICKERING: WE DEPEND ON YOU TO ENSURE THAT HUSSEIN AND RIFAI REFRAIN FROM FURTHER PUBLIC STATE-

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MENTS ON AIR DEFENSE ISSUE IN DAYS AHEAD. WE NOTE YOU ARE

ALREADY TAKING RIFAI SQUARELY TO TASK FOR HIS UNHELPFUL REMARKS IN LONDON, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO TALK TURKEY TO HIM ABOUT NEED FOR HIS CONTINUED SILENCE AS OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM PROCEED -- LIMITING YOURSELF, IF SUBJECT ARISES, TO MINIMAL COMMENT PROVIDED BY PORTER IN PARA 2 REFTEL. KISSINGER

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